

Iowa Workforce Development

and

Welfare Reform

# Primary Programs

- PROMISE JOBS
- Welfare-to-Work

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- Contracted from Dept. of Human Services
- Delivered by WIA and IWD local offices
- Serves all able-bodied FIP recipients

# Welfare-to-Work

- Federally funded with State match
- Delivered by WIA--Coordinated with IWD
- Serves FIP recipients with severe barriers to employment and non-custodial parents

# Policy Objective for Both Programs

To assist Iowa citizens who are dependent on public assistance to gain independence and self-sufficiency.

# Results

- Engagement of participants
- Earnings while in the program
- Welfare Independence and Self-sufficiency

# Engagement of Participants

- Meet the federal all-family work participation rate.
- Meet the federal two-parent work participation rate.



# Earnings While In The Program

- Decrease the number of families with FIP as their only source of income to less than 16,000 families.
- Increase gross earnings of FIP participants to 75% of the FIP pay out.





# Welfare Independence and Self-sufficiency

- Increase the amount of child support paid by non-custodial parents served under WtW
- Increase the statewide average wage level for those leaving FIP to at least \$6.76.
- Increase the percentage of persons not returning to FIP for at least one year to more than 65%.

